

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

33535

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/22/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/22/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108-447, Section 804

13. Effective Date

12/08/2004

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Recommendation for fee proposals

Recommendation for fee proposals

Start

06/21/2018

08/27/2018

End

- 06/22/2018

- 08/28/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$64,190.00 \$50,000.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$16,500.00	\$9,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$5,366.00	\$3,500.00
18d. Total	\$88,756.00	\$65,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.70	0.60

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The responsibility of this committee is to provide recommendations to the Forest Service and BLM consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

Specifically, this committee provides recommendations on matters including, but not limited to: the implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site; the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; the expansion or limitation of the recreation fee program; the implementation or elimination of noncommercial, individual special recreation permit fees; and the implementation of fee-level changes (increases or decreases).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three membership groups. These groups include persons who represent: summer motorized recreation; winter motorized recreation; summer non-motorized recreation; winter non-motorized recreation; hunting and fishing; motorized outfitters and guides; non-motorized outfitters and guides; local environmental groups; a state tourism official; representative of affected Indian tribes; and representative of affected local governments.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The RAC will meet 1-4 times annually or as needed to perform its duties. Each meeting is relevant in that they both broaden our collaborative relationships and they enable the Recreation RAC to provide recommendations on fee proposals.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Advice of the committee is not available from other sources because the Recreation Enhancement Act requires that Recreation Resource Advisory Committees be formed to provide recommendations, which the Secretary of Agriculture may accept or reject, on fee proposals.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Southern Region Recreation Advisory Committee was able to meet 2 times in 2018. The first meeting was held June 21-22 in Atlanta, GA. The second meeting was held August 27-28 in Asheville, NC. Fee proposals were recommended for approval during both meetings.

Designated Federal Officer

Chris Spurl Recreation, Heritage, Wildernes, Volunteer Services Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Burkhart, Illana	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Freelancer	Representative Member
Crockett, Mary	09/09/2016	09/09/2018	Congaree Land Trust	Representative Member
Gonzalez, Lissette	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Friends of El Yunque Foundation	Representative Member
Ledford, Lewis	09/09/2016	09/09/2018	Ledford Inc.	Representative Member
McGarvey, James	09/09/2016	09/09/2018	Retired	Representative Member
Rosenboro, Myron (Pete)	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	TN Department of Tourist Development	Representative Member
Sanders, Cheryl	09/09/2016	09/09/2018	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Shively, Alina	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Tribal Historic Preservation Office	Representative Member
Simmerman, Graham	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Stanley, Raymond	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Printec Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Whitmire, Deborah	09/09/2016	09/09/2019	Headwaters Outfitters	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The Recreation RAC supports the Forest Service mission by providing recommendations on recreation fees, which contribute to the sustainability of the Nation's forests and grasslands.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

n/a

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

☐

Over \$10,000,000

☐

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

The purpose of the committee does not relate to any cost saving measures.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

299

Number of Recommendations Comments

179 fee proposals taken to the committee in 2018 were recommended for approval.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All recommendations have been completed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

n/a

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback on previous recommendations occurs in subsequent meetings as requested.
Feedback may include visitor compliance, accomplishments, revenue generated, etc.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Recreation fees at sites may be changed based on recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

n/a

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.